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THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON HOUSE ADMINISTRATION,
Washington, DC.

The committee met, pursuant to call, at 4:05 p.m., in room 1310, Longworth House Office Building, Hon. Juanita Millender-McDonald (chairwoman of the committee) presiding.

Present: Representatives Millender-McDonald, Capuano, Gonzalez, Davis, Ehlers, Lofgren and McCarthy.

Staff Present: Charles Howell, Chief Counsel; Matt Pinkus, Professional Staff/Parliamentarian; and Kristin McCowan, Chief Legislative Clerk.

The CHAIRWOMAN. The committee will now come to order. Good afternoon. I do recognize a quorum is present. With that, I wanted to just say that the chairpersons whom I spoke with today, while they were a little, well not disgruntled, but they were a little disappointed with the very slight increase, they accepted it very well. They were very gracious, and so we are very pleased that all committee budgets are now in.

With that, I call up House Resolution 202, the primary expense resolution for House Committees for the 110th Congress. It is available in the Members' packets if they choose to review that. Without objection, the Resolution will be considered as read and open to amendment at any time.

[The information follows:]

IV

110TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. RES. 202

Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 28, 2007

MS. MILLENDER-MCDONALD (for herself and Mr. EHLERS) submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration

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RESOLUTION

Providing for the expenses of certain committees of the House of Representatives in the One Hundred Tenth Congress.

Resolved,

SECTION 1. COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH CONGRESS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the One Hundred Tenth Congress, there shall be paid out of the applicable accounts of the House of Representatives, in accordance with this primary expense resolution, not more than the amount specified in subsection (b) for the expenses (in-

1 cluding the expenses of all staff salaries) of each com-
2 mittee named in such subsection.

3 (b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees
4 and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee
5 on Agriculture, $12,398,755; Committee on Armed Serv-
6 ices, $15,469,004; Committee on the Budget,
7 $12,026,478; Committee on Education and Labor,
8 $16,334,250; Committee on Energy and Commerce,
9 $25,874,614; Committee on Financial Services,
10 $16,575,710; Committee on Foreign Affairs, $17,953,805;
11 Committee on Homeland Security, $16,511,877; Com-
12 mittee on House Administration, $10,214,461; Permanent
13 Select Committee on Intelligence, $10,409,000; Com-
14 mittee on the Judiciary, $16,657,587; Committee on Nat-
15 ural Resources, $15,581,951; Committee on Oversight and
16 Government Reform, $22,876,214; Committee on Rules,
17 $6,781,540; Committee on Science and Technology,
18 $13,209,820; Committee on Small Business, $6,257,410;
19 Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, $6,119,301;
20 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
21 $19,724,511.24; Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
22 $6,933,319.44; and Committee on Ways and Means,
23 $20,059,513.60.

1 **SEC. 2. FIRST SESSION LIMITATIONS.**

2 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in
3 section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not
4 more than the amount specified in such subsection shall
5 be available for expenses incurred during the period begin-
6 ning at noon on January 3, 2007, and ending immediately
7 before noon on January 3, 2008.

8 (b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees
9 and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee
10 on Agriculture, $5,954,462; Committee on Armed Serv-
11 ices, $6,883,959; Committee on the Budget, $6,013,239;
12 Committee on Education and Labor, $8,025,500; Com-
13 mittee on Energy and Commerce, $11,013,668; Com-
14 mittee on Financial Services, $8,029,517; Committee on
15 Foreign Affairs, $8,762,228; Committee on Homeland Se-
16 curity, $8,132,028; Committee on House Administration,
17 $5,033,242; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
18 $5,077,000; Committee on the Judiciary, $8,165,484;
19 Committee on Natural Resources, $7,638,213; Committee
20 on Oversight and Government Reform, $10,790,667; Com-
21 mittee on Rules, $3,357,198; Committee on Science and
22 Technology, $6,475,402; Committee on Small Business,
23 $3,009,086; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct,
24 $2,996,561; Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
25 ture, $9,528,749.39; Committee on Veterans' Affairs,

1 $3,398,686; and Committee on Ways and Means,
2 $9,785,128.60.

3 **SEC. 3. SECOND SESSION LIMITATIONS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in
5 section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not
6 more than the amount specified in such subsection shall
7 be available for expenses incurred during the period begin-
8 ning at noon on January 3, 2008, and ending immediately
9 before noon on January 3, 2009.

10 (b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees
11 and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee
12 on Agriculture, $6,444,293; Committee on Armed Serv-
13 ices, $8,585,045; Committee on the Budget, $6,013,239;
14 Committee on Education and Labor, $8,308,750; Com-
15 mittee on Energy and Commerce, $14,860,946; Com-
16 mittee on Financial Services, $8,546,193; Committee on
17 Foreign Affairs, $9,191,577; Committee on Homeland Se-
18 curity, $8,379,849; Committee on House Administration,
19 $5,181,219; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
20 $5,332,000; Committee on the Judiciary, $8,492,103;
21 Committee on Natural Resources, $7,943,738; Committee
22 on Oversight and Government Reform, $12,085,547; Com-
23 mittee on Rules, $3,424,342; Committee on Science and
24 Technology, $6,734,418; Committee on Small Business,
25 $3,248,324; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct,

1 $3,122,740; Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
2 ture, $10,195,761.85; Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
3 $3,534,633.44; and Committee on Ways and Means,
4 $10,274,385.

5 **SEC. 4. VOUCHERS.**

6 Payments under this resolution shall be made on
7 vouchers authorized by the committee involved, signed by
8 the chairman of such committee, and approved in the
9 manner directed by the Committee on House Administra-
10 tion.

11 **SEC. 5. REGULATIONS.**

12 Amounts made available under this resolution shall
13 be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by
14 the Committee on House Administration.

The CHAIRWOMAN. The Chair will now offer the Chair's mark, an amendment in the nature of a substitute, which is in the Members' packet.

[The information follows:]

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE TO H. RES. 202 OFFERED BY MS. MILLENDER-MCDONALD OF CALIFORNIA

Strike all after the resolving clause and insert the following:

1 **SECTION 1. COMMITTEE EXPENSES FOR THE ONE HUN-**
2 **DRED TENTH CONGRESS.**

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—With respect to the One Hundred
4 Tenth Congress, there shall be paid out of the applicable
5 accounts of the House of Representatives, in accordance
6 with this primary expense resolution, not more than the
7 amount specified in subsection (b) for the expenses (in-
8 cluding the expenses of all staff salaries) of each com-
9 mittee named in such subsection.

10 (b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees
11 and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee
12 on Agriculture, $11,995,306; Committee on Armed Serv-
13 ices, $14,618,946; Committee on the Budget,
14 $12,520,064; Committee on Education and Labor,
15 $16,213,840; Committee on Energy and Commerce,
16 $21,056,249; Committee on Financial Services,
17 $16,189,138; Committee on Foreign Affairs, $17,391,504;

1 Committee on Homeland Security, $16,448,403; Com-
2 mittee on House Administration, $10,214,461; Permanent
3 Select Committee on Intelligence, $10,467,084; Com-
4 mittee on the Judiciary, $16,347,324; Committee on Nat-
5 ural Resources, $15,288,192; Committee on Oversight and
6 Government Reform, $21,602,950; Committee on Rules,
7 $6,852,908; Committee on Science and Technology,
8 $12,963,775; Committee on Small Business, $5,965,945;
9 Committee on Standards of Official Conduct, $4,994,181;
10 Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure,
11 $19,261,795; Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
12 $7,076,347; and Committee on Ways and Means,
13 $19,040,609.

14 **SEC. 2. FIRST SESSION LIMITATIONS.**

15 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in
16 section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not
17 more than the amount specified in such subsection shall
18 be available for expenses incurred during the period begin-
19 ning at noon on January 3, 2007, and ending immediately
20 before noon on January 3, 2008.

21 (b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees
22 and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee
23 on Agriculture, $5,910,765; Committee on Armed Serv-
24 ices, $7,203,581; Committee on the Budget, $6,169,343;
25 Committee on Education and Labor, $7,989,475; Com-

1 mittee on Energy and Commerce, $10,375,603; Com-
2 mittee on Financial Services, $7,977,303; Committee on
3 Foreign Affairs, $8,569,776; Committee on Homeland Se-
4 curity, $8,105,057; Committee on House Administration,
5 $5,033,242; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
6 $5,157,724; Committee on the Judiciary, $8,055,250;
7 Committee on Natural Resources, $7,533,355; Committee
8 on Oversight and Government Reform, $10,644,994; Com-
9 mittee on Rules, $3,376,815; Committee on Science and
10 Technology, $6,387,984; Committee on Small Business,
11 $2,939,758; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct,
12 $2,460,915; Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
13 ture, $9,491,374; Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
14 $3,486,916; and Committee on Ways and Means,
15 $9,382,384.

16 **SEC. 3. SECOND SESSION LIMITATIONS.**

17 (a) IN GENERAL.—Of the amount provided for in
18 section 1 for each committee named in subsection (b), not
19 more than the amount specified in such subsection shall
20 be available for expenses incurred during the period begin-
21 ning at noon on January 3, 2008, and ending immediately
22 before noon on January 3, 2009.

23 (b) COMMITTEES AND AMOUNTS.—The committees
24 and amounts referred to in subsection (a) are: Committee
25 on Agriculture, $6,084,541; Committee on Armed Serv-

1 ices, $7,415,366; Committee on the Budget, $6,350,721;
2 Committee on Education and Labor, $8,224,365; Com-
3 mittee on Energy and Commerce, $10,680,646; Com-
4 mittee on Financial Services, $8,211,835; Committee on
5 Foreign Affairs, $8,821,728; Committee on Homeland Se-
6 curity, $8,343,346; Committee on House Administration,
7 $5,181,219; Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence,
8 $5,309,361; Committee on the Judiciary, $8,292,074;
9 Committee on Natural Resources, $7,754,836; Committee
10 on Oversight and Government Reform, $10,957,956; Com-
11 mittee on Rules, $3,476,093; Committee on Science and
12 Technology, $6,575,791; Committee on Small Business,
13 $3,026,187; Committee on Standards of Official Conduct,
14 $2,533,266; Committee on Transportation and Infrastruc-
15 ture, $9,770,421; Committee on Veterans' Affairs,
16 $3,589,431; and Committee on Ways and Means,
17 $9,658,226.

18 **SEC. 4. VOUCHERS.**

19 Payments under this resolution shall be made on
20 vouchers authorized by the committee involved, signed by
21 the chairman of such committee, and approved in the
22 manner directed by the Committee on House Administra-
23 tion.

1 **SEC. 5. REGULATIONS.**

2 Amounts made available under this resolution shall
3 be expended in accordance with regulations prescribed by
4 the Committee on House Administration.

The CHAIRWOMAN. Are there any objections to dispensing with the reading of the amendment? Hearing none, the Chair now recognizes herself for 5 minutes to speak on the amendment.

I am going to forgo that. I think, as I said earlier, the Chairs were very cordial and were amenable to the slight increase that we are giving them. All budgets are in, and all of the Chairs have now consented to their budgets. So we are able to move forward.

I would like to thank the Members of this Committee who were so diligent in staying for all those long hours yesterday. I think it was the Ranking Member who said he had no idea we would finish in one day, but indeed, we did, and it was quite a leap. Nevertheless, here we are now to mark this up, and send this to the Floor in the form of a resolution. This is an omnibus package.

Without objection, the previous question is ordered on the amendment in the nature of a substitute. The question is on the amendment. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed, no.

The ayes have it, and the amendment is agreed to.

Now I would like to recognize Mr. Gonzalez to offer a motion.

Mr. GONZALEZ. Thank you very much, Madam Chair, and I would move that the Committee report House Resolution 202 favorably to the House with an amendment.

The CHAIRWOMAN. Thank you. The question is on the motion to report favorably. Before I take the ayes and nays, I will defer to the Ranking Member for his comments.

Mr. EHLERS. Thank you, Madam Chair.

First of all, congratulations on putting this together, and congratulations also on our joint effort to resolve the difficulties yesterday. I am pleased that issue was resolved. I do have to say, and this is certainly no reflection on you, that I am not particularly happy with the budget. I am not happy with the entire budget process this year. I suspect that is true of everyone in this committee, majority or minority party. This is simply not a good way to do business, and I think, given that, the entire situation we have had to endure this year, I think that this committee and especially you, Madam Chair, have done the best job that we could do, given the difficulties. So I would certainly vote for this, but I hope in the future that the entire budget process will be more rational so that we, in fact, can do a better job in this committee of allocating resources to the committees. The committees are the backbone of the Congress, and most people don't realize that. If they don't have the funds to operate, basically the people of this nation have lost their voice in properly operating the government. We essentially defer to the administration to run it the way they want because we don't have the funds to keep track of it and allocate properly and do the oversight that is necessary in each and every one of our committees. So, as I say, this is not a great way to do it, but we did the best we could under the circumstances; I think next year will certainly be better. Maybe the only bright spot of this is that, with all these budgeting problems, the Members of Congress didn't get a pay increase, so that provides extra money for the rest of the government, including the committees. That probably is not a very popular thing to say in front of my colleagues, but nevertheless, we did save the government some money on that. With that, I would yield back, and I thank the Chair for her work on this.

The CHAIRWOMAN. Thank you so much, Mr. Ranking Member. You are right. None of us are pleased with the budget and the very small amount we gave the Chairpersons. But then those are the things we have to live with when things aren't going the way that we wanted them to go. But we do have fiscal year 2008, and perhaps something will come from that.

Now there is a motion on the floor to report this out favorably. All those in favor say aye. Those opposed say no.

The ayes have it. The motion is agreed to. Without objection, a motion to reconsider is laid on the table.

Mr. Ehlers, you might want to take this opportunity to file your minority views.

Mr. EHLERS. I certainly would be pleased with that.

Madam Chair, I just wanted to rise, pursuant to clause 2(l) of rule XI, I announce that I am requesting the two additional calendar days provided by that rule during which members may file additional views.

The CHAIRWOMAN. The Chair notes that the gentleman has exercised his right to seek time to file views. Without objection, staff may be authorized to make any technical or conforming changes to the resolution prior to filing. That does it for us. If there is nothing else—

Mr. CAPUANO. Motion to adjourn.

The CHAIRWOMAN. This committee is adjourned.

[Whereupon, at 4:12 p.m., the committee was adjourned.]